



Tax Relief – Persons Totally Disabled or Over Age 65

The Assessor's Office is currently accepting applications for the State of Connecticut Circuit Breaker program. In order to qualify for this program a person must be totally disabled or over age 65. In the case of a married couple, only one spouse needs to be over 65. The total household income, including Social Security benefits, must be less than \$39,500 for a married couple, and less than \$32,300 for a single person.

Once qualified for the State Circuit Breaker Program, a person/couple is also eligible for the Town of Essex matching benefit.

The amount of tax relief is a sliding scale based on the total income. For example, if a married couple had a total income of \$27,100 for calendar year 2011, they may qualify for assistance from the State of up to \$1,000. The \$1,000 would be taken off their tax bill and the Town would match that benefit up to 100%, depending on age and years of residency. In this example, the tax bill could be reduced by as much as \$2,000.

If you, or someone you know, might be eligible for this benefit, please have them come to the Assessor's Office at Town Hall with their 2011 SSA 1099, and proof of any income earned in calendar year 2011 or a copy of the 2011 tax return prior to May 15, 2012.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to assist you.

Please call or email us with any questions.

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